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4 WILLIE H. KNOX,

5 Petitioner,

6 v.

7 RALPH DIAZ, Warden,

8 Respondent.

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10 Case No. 22-cv-00668-NC (PR)

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13 **ORDER OF TRANSFER**

14 Petitioner, a state prisoner at Salinas Valley State Prison, has filed a petition for a writ of
15 habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner seeks resentencing from a sentence issued by
16 the Superior Court of Orange County. Venue for a habeas action is proper in either the district of
17 confinement or the district of conviction. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). However, petitions
18 challenging a conviction or sentence are preferably heard in the district of conviction. *See* Habeas
L.R. 2254-3(b)(1); *Laue v. Nelson*, 279 F. Supp. 265, 266 (N.D. Cal. 1968). Here, because
19 petitioner challenges a conviction from Orange County, the Central District of California is the
20 district of conviction.

21 Accordingly, this case is **TRANSFERRED** to the United States District Court for the
22 Central District of California. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a). The Clerk shall terminate all pending
23 motions and transfer the entire file to the Central District of California.

24 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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26 DATED: April 18, 2022

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NATHANAEL M. COUSINS
United States Magistrate Judge